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## Highlights

- Cattle on Feed • Dairy Products
- Floriculture
- Egg Production • Ag Exports • Prices

## Oregon Manufactured dairy products 2001 - 2002

Item	Annual	Reporting Plants
	1,000 pounds	Number
Cottage Cheese:		
Curd		
2001	3,451	6
2002	3,090	5
Creamed		
2001	2,913	5
2002	2,590	4
Low fat		
2001	3,265	6
2002	3,057	5
Total American Cheese <sup>1/</sup>		
2001	70,258	4
2002	94,160	4
Ice Cream Mix		
2001	6,765	10
2002	6,408	9
Total Ice Cream <sup>2/</sup>		
2001	12,203	9
2002	11,553	9
Low fat ice cream mix <sup>3/</sup>		
2001	2,656	8
2002	2,623	9

<sup>1/</sup> Excluding cottage cheese. <sup>2/</sup> Includes milkshake mix.

<sup>3/</sup> Includes hard, soft-serve, and freezer made milkshake.

Dear Oregon Farmers and Ranchers:

The 2003 crop year is already upon us and there is much interest in knowing information on the number of acres planted in Oregon, amount of crops in storage, and numbers of livestock on hand. To help answer these important questions, the Oregon Agricultural Statistics Service will begin contacting a sample of Oregon producers within the next few weeks for our large annual mid-year agricultural surveys. The results of these surveys, released in late June and July, will provide a preview of the upcoming year for Oregon's agricultural industry.

A representative of the Oregon Agricultural Statistics Service may be contacting you between May 30 and June 13 to ask for your help. Your voluntary cooperation is much appreciated as it will help us provide accurate results used to benefit Oregon agriculture. As always, the individual information provided for our surveys is kept confidential and only used in summary with other reports to provide State and national level totals.

We are asking for your assistance on this upcoming effort as we strive to provide good results for Oregon and make sure that Oregon agriculture is properly represented in the national sample.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janice A. Goodwin".

Janice A. Goodwin  
State Statistician

## March Egg Production Down 1 Percent

Oregon's laying flocks produced 62 million eggs during March 2003, the same as March 2002. There were 2.79 million layers on hand during the month. U.S. egg production totaled 7.36 billion during March 2003, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.26 billion table eggs and 1.11 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 64.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2003 averaged 338 million, up slightly from a year earlier. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,181 eggs, down 1 percent from March 2002.

All layers in the U.S. on April 1, 2003, totaled 338 million, up slightly from a year ago. The 338 million layers consisted of 278 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 57.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.63 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 2003, averaged 70.8 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from a year ago.

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## U.S. Cattle on Feed Down 8 Percent

**Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.70 million head on April 1, 2003. The inventory was 8 percent below April 1, 2002 and 7 percent below April 1, 2001. The inventory included 6.72 million steers and steer calves, down 7 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.92 million head, down 9 percent from 2002.

**Placements** in feedlots during March totaled 2.04 million, 5 percent above 2002 and 11 percent above 2001. Net

placements were 1.98 million. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 276,000, 600-699 pounds were 390,000, 700-799 pounds were 744,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 632,000.

**Marketings** of fed cattle during March totaled 1.80 million, 1 percent below 2002 and 6 percent below 2001.

**Other disappearance** totaled 62,000 during March, 10 percent below 2002 and 37 percent below 2001.

### Cattle on feed: 1,000+ capacity feedlots, United States, April 1, 2001-2003

Item	Number			2003 2002
	2001	2002	2003	
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	%
On feed Mar 1 <sup>1/</sup>	11,695	11,518	*10,526	91
Placed on feed during March	1,842	1,953	2,042	105
Fed cattle marketed during March	1,916	1,825	1,803	99
Other disappearance during March <sup>2/</sup>	98	69	62	90
On feed April 1 <sup>1/</sup>	11,523	11,577	10,703	92

<sup>1/</sup> Cattle & calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

\* Revised

### Agricultural exports from United States: Top destinations, 2002

The total value of agricultural exports from the U.S was \$53.0 billion for calendar year 2002, down 1 percent from 2001. These top 30 destinations accounted for 90.3 percent of that total.

Country	Percent of total value	Country	Percent of total value
Canada	16.3	Spain	1.3
Japan	15.8	Turkey	1.3
Mexico	13.7	Thailand	1.2
Korea, Republic of	5.0	Belgium/Luxembourg	1.1
China, Peoples Republic	3.7	Russian Federation	1.0
Taiwan	3.7	Italy	1.0
Caribbean Islands	2.9	Columbia	1.0
Central America	2.3	Dominican Republic	1.0
Netherlands	2.2	Oceania	1.0
Hong Kong	2.1	Switzerland	0.9
United Kingdom	1.9	Israel	0.9
Germany	1.8	France	0.7
Egypt	1.6	Malaysia	0.7
Indonesia	1.5	Saudia Arabia	0.7
Philippines	1.5	Venezuela	0.6

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, Foreign Agricultural Trade of the U.S.

**Floriculture crops: Area, sales and value, by types, Oregon, 2001-2002 <sup>1/</sup>**

Types	Number of producers		Plants sold					Wholesale value	
	2001	2002	Unit	5 inches or More		Total		2001	2002
				2001	2002	2001	2002		
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>		<i>1,000 units</i>	<i>1,000 units</i>	<i>1,000 units</i>	<i>1,000 units</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
<b>Cut flowers:</b>									
Iris	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	114
Other cut flowers	11	12	—	—	—	—	—	3,230	3,547
<b>Potted flowering plants:</b>									
Finished florist azaleas	6	10	Pots	4,054	2,388	6,132	3,893	21,380	14,261
Poinsettias	23	24	Pots	482	380	568	445	3,080	2,418
Spring bulbs	8	12	Pots	53	77	134	207	362	555
Other potted flowering plants	13	9	Pots	355	—	800	265	2,369	1,157
<b>Bedding/garden flats:</b>									
Begonias	21	18	Flats	—	—	17	34	183	370
Geraniums (cutting)	4	8	Flats	—	—	24	30	485	694
Geraniums (seed)	8	7	Flats	—	—	20	15	357	241
Impatiens	28	26	Flats	—	—	76	103	709	1,020
Impatiens, New Guinea	4	6	Flats	—	—	5	3	108	36
Marigolds	26	24	Flats	—	—	80	102	765	1,031
Pansy/Viola	22	22	Flats	—	—	120	151	1,334	1,684
Petunias	30	27	Flats	—	—	184	199	1,893	2,285
Other flowering & foliar type	*29	26	Flats	—	—	*677	531	*6,411	6,000
Vegetable type	23	19	Flats	—	—	191	150	1,864	1,250
<b>Potted bedding/garden pots:</b>									
Begonias	18	21	Pots	11	16	125	157	165	217
Hardy/garden mums	21	22	Pots	130	125	282	266	481	527
Geraniums (cuttings)	35	26	Pots	77	59	954	839	1,599	1,498
Geraniums (seed)	8	6	Pots	—	—	63	98	56	115
Impatiens	19	19	Pots	2	6	174	250	153	221
Impatiens, New Guinea	22	19	Pots	6	—	119	125	*75	104
Marigolds	18	22	Pots	—	—	147	404	97	295
Pansy/Viola	22	23	Pots	12	—	1,030	1,324	655	911
Petunias	22	25	Pots	*19	26	*376	571	361	552
Other flowering & foliar type	29	28	Pots	295	252	2,139	3,103	3,688	4,134
Vegetable type	19	19	Pots	88	114	1,003	786	926	1,088
<b>Hanging baskets:</b>									
Begonias	15	13	Baskets	—	—	23	17	234	170
Geraniums (cuttings)	23	22	Baskets	—	—	51	42	561	460
Impatiens	17	18	Baskets	—	—	12	13	107	124
Impatiens, New Guinea	16	13	Baskets	—	—	24	21	233	206
Petunias	21	19	Baskets	—	—	25	21	242	216
Other flowering type	29	27	Baskets	—	—	233	195	2,388	2,018
<b>Cut cultivated greens</b>	10	10	—	—	—	—	—	4,162	3,730
<b>Oregon Total <sup>1/</sup></b>	81	77	—	—	—	—	—	*80,041	82,638
<b>All Oregon Total <sup>2/</sup></b>	257	233	—	—	—	—	—	*91,617	88,878

<sup>1/</sup> Operations with \$100,000 + sales.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes operations with sales of less than \$100,000.

\* Revised.

# Average prices received by farmers and ranchers

Commodity and unit	U.S. prices Apr 2002	U.S. prices Apr 15 2003 <sup>1/</sup>	Oregon		
			Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 15 2003 <sup>1/</sup>
Crops:					
Wheat, bu . . . . .	\$ 2.83	3.34	3.01	*3.43	3.27
Barley, bu . . . . .	\$ 2.09	2.87	2.08	*2.35	2.45
Oats, bu . . . . .	\$ 1.99	1.98	2.20	--	--
Hay, Alfalfa baled, ton . . . . .	\$ 103.00	96.20	109.00	85.00	93.00
Hay, All Baled, ton . . . . .	\$ 98.30	94.50	108.00	84.00	91.00
Potatoes, cwt . . . .	\$ 8.00	7.11	8.50	*6.80	6.80
Onions, fr, cwt . . .	\$ 16.20	38.10	--	--	--
Sweet corn, fr. cwt	\$ 19.40	16.30	--	--	--
Pears, fr. ton . . . .	\$ 267.00	367.00	--	--	--
Apples, fr. lbs . . . .	\$ .218	.234	--	--	--
Strawberries, fr. lbs	\$ .600	.770	--	--	--
Livestock/products:					
Steers/heifers, cwt.	\$ 70.60	79.30	76.10	76.00	78.00
Slaughter . . . . .	\$ 40.10	40.10	38.90	40.50	40.40
Calves, cwt . . . . .	\$ 101.00	99.10	89.00	*91.70	93.50
Lambs, cwt . . . . .	\$ 64.70	--	61.00	86.50	--
Sheep, cwt . . . . .	\$ 26.00	--	23.00	35.00	--
All milk sold to plants, cwt . . . . .	\$ 12.50	10.90	--	--	--
Fat test . . . . . %	3.69	3.67	--	--	--
Eggs, doz . . . . .	\$ .522	.690	--	--	--

<sup>1/</sup> Preliminary.

\* Revised entire month.

# United States feed ratios

Feed ratios	Apr 2000	Apr 2001	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003
Broiler feed	6.1	7.9	5.5	*5.2	4.7
Hog-corn	23.3	25.3	16.6	*14.9	14.4
Milk feed	2.84	3.29	2.81	*2.27	2.23

\* Revised.

# Index numbers of prices received by Oregon farmers and ranchers

Commodities	1910-14=100		1990-92=100		
	Apr 2002	Apr 2003	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003
All farm products	651	700	108	114	116
All crops	647	721	115	125	128
Livestock & prod.	660	656	90	89	90

# United States price ratio

Indexes	1910-14=100		1990-92=100		
	Apr 2002	Apr 2003	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003
Prices rcvd	597	644	94	99	101
Prices paid <sup>1/</sup>	1,639	1,701	123	127	128
Ratio <sup>2/</sup>	36	38	76	78	79

<sup>1/</sup> Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes & Farm Wage Rates indexes from quarterly reports.

<sup>2/</sup> Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. This ratio on 1910-14=100 base is the parity ratio.

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These price indices are designed to track aggregate prices farmers pay and receive over time. The commodity weighting for prices received varies monthly according to what is normally marketed for a given time of year; changes can be volatile from month to month.

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